



# Online Submission of the Certificate of Net Assessed Value

# **User Guide**

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The Indiana Gateway for Government Units provides a central portal for local governments to submit forms to the <u>Department of Local Government Finance</u> ("DLGF") and the <u>State Board of Accounts</u> ("SBOA"). The site was developed and is maintained by the <u>Indiana Business Research Center</u> at Indiana University with DLGF as part of the **Information for Indiana Initiative**, with support from the State of Indiana, Indiana University, and the Lilly Endowment.

#### **Online Access Instructions**

As an authorized user of the Indiana Government Gateway, your Username is your e-mail address. You will be sent an initial password, which you may change at any time to something unique and confidential.

#### Web Address (URL):

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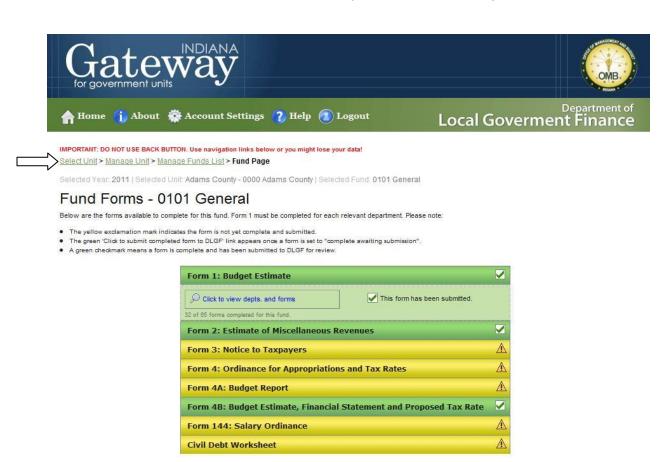
Note: If your monitor resolution is "low," the authorized personnel login may appear below the text, so be sure to scroll down if you don't see it up at the top right.



## **General Navigation Techniques**

Any phrase that becomes underlined when you scroll over it can be clicked to take you to a new page in Gateway.

DO NOT use the "Back Button" on your internet browser to navigate through the different pages of Gateway. Instead, use the "Breadcrumbs" found just under the blue and green header bar.



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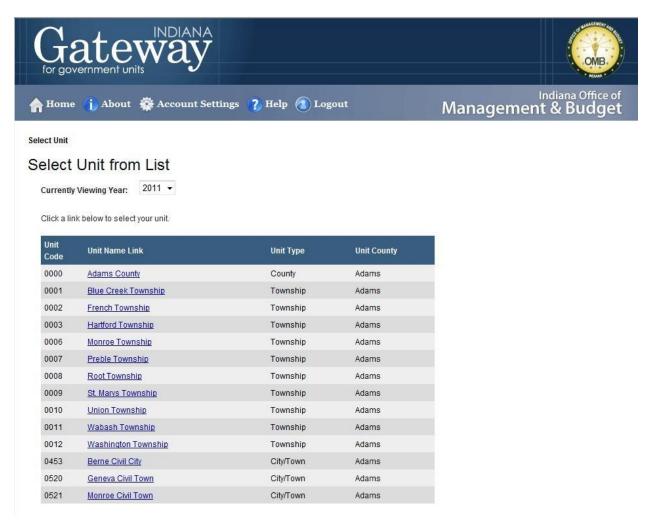
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## **Accessing the Certificate of Net Assessed Value**

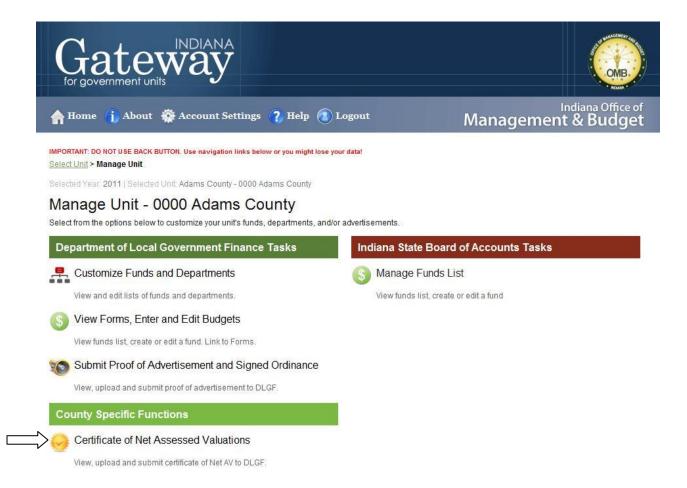
#### **Select Unit**

Once you log in, a list of units will appear that have been assigned to your user account. For the purpose of completing the Certificate of Net Assessed Value, you must select the county unit.



Simply click on the name of the county unit to proceed to the Manage Unit screen.

The Certificate of Net Assessed Value will appear on the Manage Unit screen under the "County Specific Functions" area.



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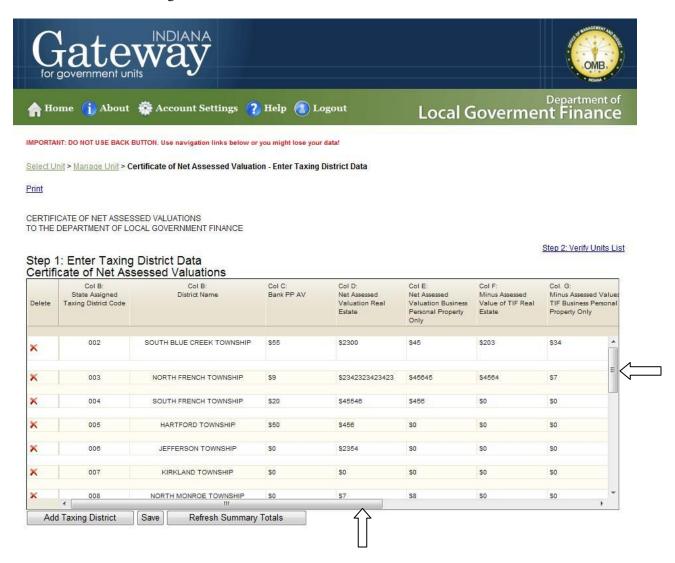
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## **Completing the Certificate of Net Assessed Value**

The Certificate of Net Assessed Value is completed as a four-step process. Step 1 allows you to enter the net assessed value data at the taxing district level. Steps 2-3 allow you to assign taxing districts to units, enabling Gateway to compute unit-level net assessed value certifications. Step 4 permits you to electronically sign the form.

#### **Step 1: Enter Taxing District Data**

In this step, you will enter net assessed value data by taxing district into a web-based "spreadsheet." The spreadsheet is contained within a scrollable panel. You may tab through the fields as with other spreadsheet software (e.g., Microsoft Excel). Alternatively, the bars at the right and bottom of the screen can be used to scroll through the form.



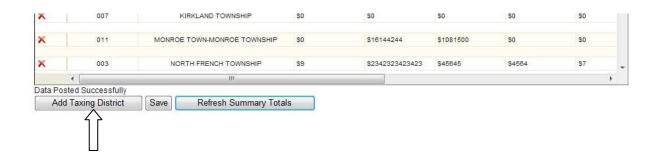
As with other spreadsheet software, the column sizes can be altered by "dragging" the edges back and forth. Further, the data may be sorted according to a particular column's values by clicking on the label of the column you wish to use as the sort parameter.



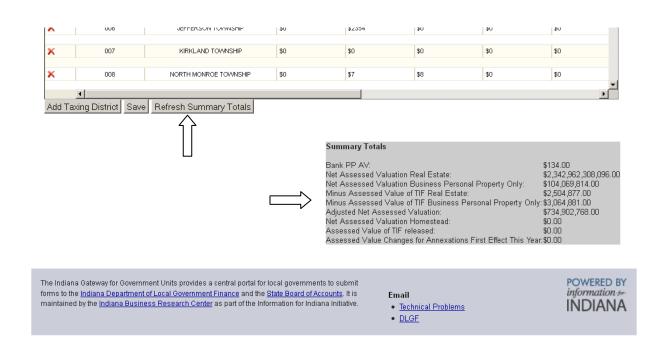
As data are entered, they can be saved by clicking the "Save" button at the bottom of the panel. Data are also saved when you hit the "Enter" key on the keyboard or when you move to a different row using the mouse. You will know the data have been saved when a message appears above the save button that says "Data Posted Successfully."



If a new taxing district is required, you may add one by clicking the "Add New Taxing District" button located at the bottom right corner of the panel. The new row will appear at the end of the list, so you may need to scroll to the bottom of the chart to view the blank row. The default taxing district code of "9999" should be replaced, and the appropriate name given. Data may then be entered in the same manner as before. Please see the note on page 18 for other pertinent information about district creation.



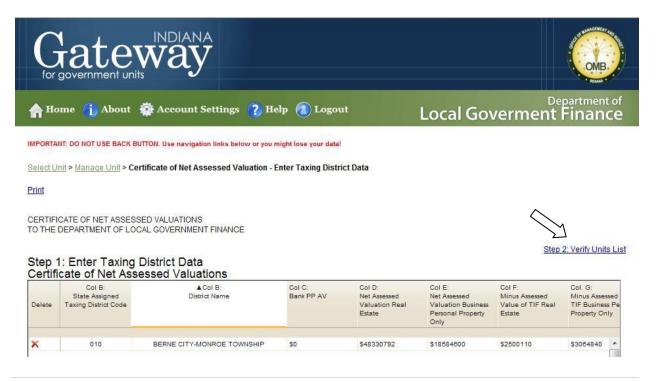
Underneath the panel, Gateway provides countywide totals of each column. To update the totals for data that have been entered, first ensure the data have been saved. Then click the "Refresh Summary Totals" button. Note that if this button is clicked before data are saved, the unsaved data will be lost.



You may print this chart at any time by clicking the "Print" link at the top-left corner of the panel. This will open a separate window that presents the data in printable format. The separate window is necessary because browser-based printing (printing the screen as you see it) will not capture all the data in the table.



Once Step 1 is completed, navigate to Step 2 using the link at the top-right corner of the panel.

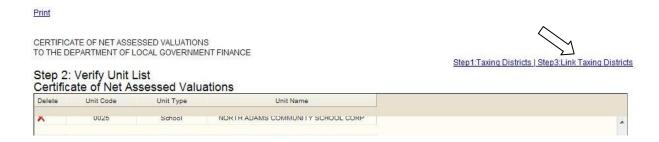


#### **Step 2: Verify Unit List**

This task is straightforward. The screen will present a list of units based on the most recently-issued budget order. (Note: Cross-county units will be listed in each of the counties in which the unit has assessed value.) As with Step 1, you may scroll through the list using the scroll bar on the right.



If the unit list is current and correct, you may proceed to Step 3 using the link at the top-right of the panel.



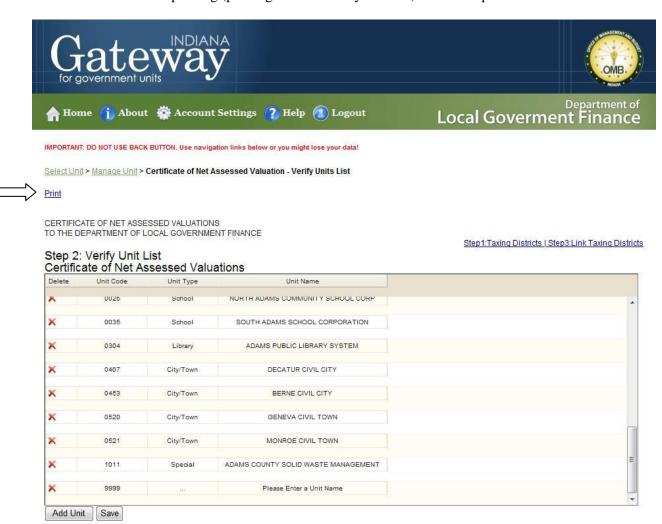
If a unit needs to be added to the list, click the "add unit" button at the bottom of the panel. Note that the blank row will appear at the bottom of the list. The default unit code of "9999" should be replaced, and the appropriate name given. Please see the note on page 18 for other pertinent information about unit creation.



If a unit needs to be deleted, click on the red "x" next to the unit, and click "ok" when asked to confirm.



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#### **Step 3: Match Districts to Units**

This step allows you to link the appropriate taxing districts to each taxing unit.

Example: Gateway County has five taxing districts (001-005). Alpha Township imposes its tax rate on districts 001, 002, and 003. Beta Township imposes its rate on districts 004 and 005. The user would assign districts 001, 002, and 003 to Alpha Township and districts 004 and 005 to Beta Township.

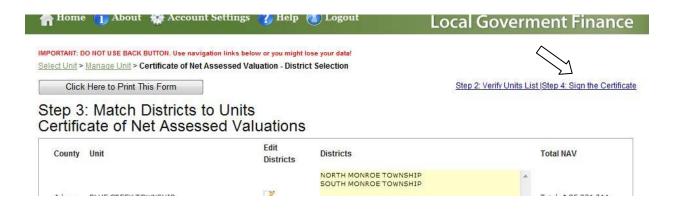
The screen will present the combinations based on the most recently-issued budget order. Gateway will compute a unit-level Net Assessed Value for each unit by subtotaling the data entered in Step 1 according to the unit-district relationships specified in this step.



For units that have many associated districts, the scroll bars in each box may be used to scroll through the list.



If all the data on the screen are correct, you may proceed to Step 4 using the link at the top-right of the panel.



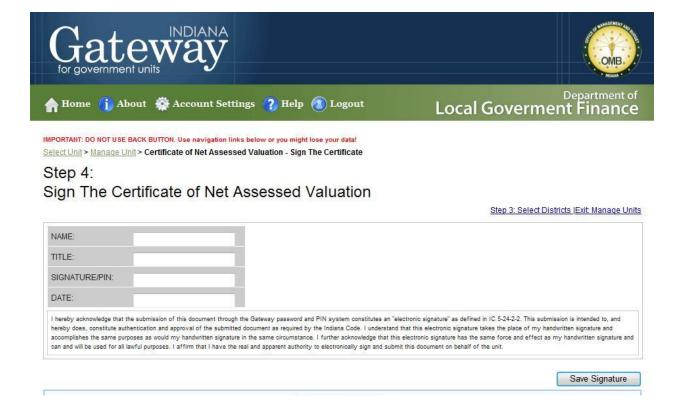
If a unit needs to be updated or corrected, click on the "Edit Districts" icon to the left of the district list. This will bring up a list of all possible taxing districts. Check the districts that need to be added and uncheck those that should be removed. Then click "update record." The unit-level Net Assessed Value will recalculate automatically.



Once all data are current and correct, you may proceed to Step 4 as described on the previous page.

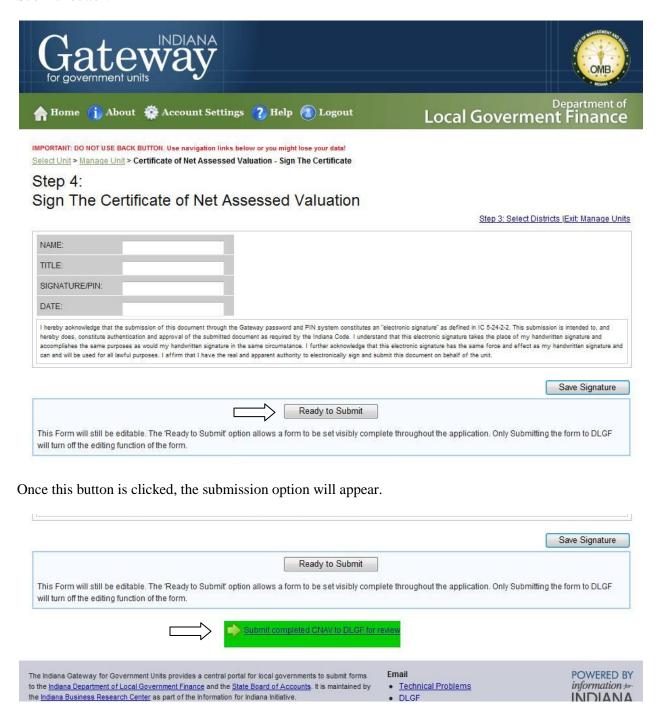
#### **Step 4: Sign the Form**

This final step allows you to provide an electronic signature for the form, provided you are the user with submission rights (the County Auditor). You will enter your name, title, date, and a confidential PIN code. This PIN code will be provided to you by the Department during June, and will be sent only to the official with submission rights. The PIN should be kept confidential. Once you have entered the information, please click the "Save Signature" button to complete the electronic signature.



## **Submitting the Certificate of Net Assessed Value**

Once you have completed all four steps and confirmed that the information is correct, click the "Ready to Submit" button.



Simply click on this link and the form will be submitted.

You will see confirmation of the submission on the "Manage Unit" screen as well.



## **Important Note about District and Unit Changes**

If you need to add or delete a taxing unit or a taxing district within your county, you may do so within Gateway for the purpose of certifying net assessed values. However, for these changes to be recognized by the Department for the purpose of budget review and certification, the Auditor must notify the Department of the changes.